



Buckingham PTA Meeting 2/19/26 - Minutes

Buckingham Elementary Board: Suzanne Coffman, Karissa Hester, Hannah Westfall, Jess Loewen

PTA mission: *to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.*

Date/Time of the meeting: February 19, 2026 - 5:15 PM

Present Team Members: Suzanne Coffman, Drew Meecham, Karissa Hester, Stephanie Jensen, Michelle Wilson, Bonnie Van Zange, Jess Loewen, Emily Johnson, Jaime Davis

NEW BUSINESS

Topic	Discussion	Action Steps
Admin Update: Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Broncos Read - Now Through March -Students have reading goals on their own or with their teacher -getting stars as they read to make a big school-wide galaxy -Chance for caregiver connection to add picture of student reading & upload -March 12 Reading under the Stars -Dinner & students read w/caregiver around school -Potential for stuffy sleepover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Suz/Michelle to workout logistics -Building coming along good <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Eva/Stephanie did a walkthrough -Almost completely enclosed now -5th Grade leadership did an interview w/the site manager -Realms - no real info update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Another meeting Feb 25 -Hopeful it'll be smoother than the last <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will be more open dialogue -Conferences coming up March 18/19 -Kids are doing very well right now with adaptability and flexibility 	<p>N/A</p>
Ms. Margaret Retirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Margaret's last day is tomorrow -Covered her office in sticky notes and flowers from students and staff -PTA got her \$50 gc and signed card -Planning a big "clap out" tomorrow -Denise is taking over for now 	<p>N/A</p>

Gift for Fish	-Hannah to get a gift basket for Fish & his wife for helping clean up FFFN on their own time	-Hannah to organize
Approve January Minutes	-Bonnie Motion -Jaime seconds -Motion passed	N/A
Realms Co-Location Update	-Mtg Feb 25 -Will have childcare -Asking for RSVP's this time -Added a spot for people to ask questions -Suz felt positive in her mtg w/the district -District took ownership of flawed first Mtg -District is aware things did not go well -Might be another mtg in April - TBD	N/A
Budget Update	-\$20,000 in the bank right now -Not a lot of planned items to spend \$ on -Big things: -\$1800 for staff appreciation & meal -\$1900 for student clubs -\$900 for lego robotics -\$300 for Spring Fling -Maybe buy more pizza then? -\$500 for 5th grade celebration -Suz wanting to fund Read Under the Stars spaghetti dinner from "School Experiences" category of the budget	-N/A
Budget: What do we want to spend money on?	-In school experiences? -Field trips? -Maybe a para-athlete come? -Library won't be open until May -They said no field trips till next year -Stoakes wants to do a big mile run with the kids to celebrate end of Run Club -Celebration on playground after -OMSI or CMCO? -Emily suggested short term art or music lessons -There are district rules about what we can/cannot do -Outdoor education? -Maybe email staff to see if they've	-Suz & Emily to brainstorm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> been eyeing anything specific -Suz wants to get more direct in what we're soliciting donations for when asking businesses -\$1,000 left in "Admin Request" budget 	
Bingo Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Julie did great! -Raised \$2500 -Need more tables set up next year -Stephanie loved the 5th grade greeters -Still need sensory room to be staffed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Need to let parents know kids are not to be left alone in there -50/50 raffle winner gets check next time 	-N/A
Officer Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Elections in April -Need new President & Secretary -Maybe Mara for secretary? 	-Suz to ask around
Spring Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staff meal -Going to cater something since we have the money -Possibly have childcare? 	-Suz to ask around and see if having childcare would be useful to families
Spring Fling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only charging us \$300 total -Maybe buy more pizza since it's not much to rent the pavilion -Concessions open too? -Bonnie to co-chair w/Suz -Definitely need a theme -Skating, yard games, board games 	-Suz & Bonnie to coordinate
School Mural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stephanie thanked PTA for funding mural -Hannah got us a big discount on paint -PTA paid Emily Phillips to draw mural -Kids had a blast & it looks amazing 	
Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Thanks for attending 	